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: Réjean AUBÉ Applicant

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Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Examiner's Action of August 29, 2002.

This application contains claims 1 to 29.

The Examiner required the claims to be restricted to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-11 (delay composition)
- II. Claims 12-26 (delay element)
- Claims 27-29 (detonation delay device). III.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I (claims 1-11) for further examination in the present application.

As noted by the Examiner, Claim 1 is currently generic to the claims of Group I. However, the Examiner required the further election of a single disclosed specie. For this purpose, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the species of composition disclosed on page 22, paragraph [0098], line 3. This is a composition by weight of 48% BaSO<sub>4</sub>, 39.7% Si, 12% red lead and 0.3% binder.

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Applicant maintains that all of the clams of the application as originally filed, and all of claims 1 to 11 of Group I, read onto this provisionally elected specie.

Applicant is submitting a further Information Disclosure Statement concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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